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TAGS PINS, ELAB, ASEC, AS
SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF U.S. COAL STRIKE

REF SYDNEY 0569

1. AT 1630 HOURS, MARCH 15, GROUP OF EIGHT "SPARTACIST" DEMONSTRATORS PICKETED CONSULATE BUILDING TO VOICE SUPPORT FOR U.S. COAL STRIKE. PLACARDS CARRIED READ "SMASH TAFT HARTLEY ACT", "VICTORY TO THE U.S. COALMINERS", "BLACK BAN COAL SHIPMENTS TO U.S.", AND "FORWARD TO A WORKERS GOVERNMENT IN THE U.S."

2. FLYER PASSED OUT BY GROUP READ AS FOLLOWS: QTE
PICKET THE U.S. CONSULATE: FOR OVER THREE MONTHS THE UNITED MINeworkERS OF AMERICA HAS BEEN ON STRIKE, DEFYING EMPLOYER AND GOVERNMENT INTIMIDATION AND ATTEMPTS AT ARMED SCABHERDING. NOW U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER HAS INVOKED THE ANTI-LABOUR TAFT-HARTLEY ACT IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE COALMINERS BACK TO WORK AND RAM THROUGH A CONTRACT WHICH GIVES VIRTUALLY NO PAY INCREASE, DESTROYS THE MINERS' MEDICAL INSURANCE SCHEME AND ATTACKES
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THEIR BASIC RIGHT TO STRIKE. U.S. COMPANIES ARE SEEKING TO BUY COAL OUTSIDE THE U.S. INCLUDING FROM AUSTRALIA. THIS STRIKE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR MANY YEARS AND THE LABOUR MOVEMENT INTERNATIONALLY MUST EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE COALMINERS.

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH, 4.30 PM - U.S. CONSULATE, 24 ALBERT RD, STH

MELB (OFF ST KILDA RD) - FOR FURTHER DETAILS RING 62-5135.

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3. CONGEN WAS PROVIDED ADVANCE WARNING ON DEMONSTRATION AND VICTORIA STATE POLICEMENT WERE ON THE SCENE BEFORE DEMONSTRATION COMMENCED.

4. DEMONSTRATION LASTED ONE HOUR; WAS ORDERLY; AND ATTRACTED VERY LITTLE ATTENTION. "SPARTACIST" GROUP IS PART OF AUSTRALIAN TROTSKYITE ORGANIZATION.
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